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FOR SHLAUDEMAN FROM LUERS

FOLLOWING REPEAT KINGSTON 4019 ACTION SECSTATE PRIORITY INFO
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 4019

PANAMA FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ASEC, PINR, JM, US

SUBJECT: HARRASSMENT OF EMBASSY AND EMBASSY STAFF IN WAKE
AGEE ALLEGATIONS

REF: KINGSTON 3998 AND PREVIOUS

1. THERE HAD BEEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 16, THROUGHOUT AGEE'S
VISIT, A MODEST LEVEL OF TELEPHONE HARRASSMENT SOME EMBASSY
EMPLOYEES; E.G., "CIA AGENT GO HOME" AND "WE DON'T WANT THE
CIA HERE."

2. WITH AGEE'S DISCLOSURE OF ALLEGED CIA STAFF AT
SEPTEMBER 16 PRESS CONFERENCE (AND HEADLINING OF THAT
PRESS CONFERENCE ON TV SEPTEMBER 16, AND IN DAILY NEWS ON
SEPTEMBER 17 BUT WITHOUT NAMES), THERE WAS SHARP INCREASE
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HARRASSMENT CALLS. NUMEROUS CALLERS ATTEMPTED CONTACT

AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 16 ONWARDS VARIOUS PEOPLE NAMED BY AGEE. IN SOME INSTANCES, CALLERS WERE LEGITIMATE PRESS, OTHER APPEARED INTENT ON PERSONAL HARRASSMENT ONLY. EMBASSY TELEPHONE SERVICE INTERRUPTED OCCASIONALLY ON SEPTEMBER 17, I.E., LOCAL TELEPHONE OPERATORS DELAYED REQUESTS FOR OVERSEAS CALLS AND IN SOME INSTANCES HARRASSED EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR.

3. AS OF MID-DAY SEPTEMBER 18 THERE HAVE BEEN NO OTHER INSTANCES WORTHY OF NOTE BUT WE ANTICIPATE THAT HARRASSMENT WILL SHARPLY INCREASE IN DAYS AHEAD IN WAKE OF SPREAD OF LEAFLETS THROUGHOUT KINGSTON IDENTIFYING THOSE NAMED BY AGEE AT PRESS CONFERENCE. (SEE SEPTTEL WHICH DESCRIBES LEAFLET.)

4. NO DIRECT THREATS AS YET, AND NO DEMONSTRATIONS IN FRONT OF ANY OF OUR OFFICES. GERARD UNQUOTE. ROBINSON

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